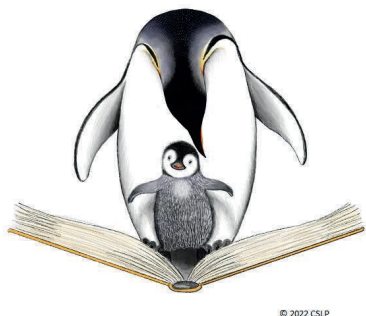


Rowan Public Library's Summer Reading 2022

Oceans of Possibilities



Do you know that Summer Reading is for everyone?

To participate, all you need to do is register to use READSquared via the free app (available in all app stores), at your nearest RPL branch, or by visiting rowanpubliclibrary.readsquared.com.

Once registered, participants are categorized by age: children (ages 10 and under), teens (ages 11 to 17), and adults (ages 18 and up). Each age group is invited to log reading hours and win prizes, attend themed program-

ming, and complete take away kit activities. Paper reading logs are available in this insert and at all RPL branches for participants who prefer to not use READSquared.

Take advantage of one of the following special Summer Reading registration opportunities to learn about summer reading, register, and win prizes!

May 21, 1 — 4 pm

RPL Headquarters (Salisbury) will host a Summer Reading booth on the Library's front lawn from 1 to 4 pm during Downtown Salisbury's annual Cheerwine Festival. The first 25 registrants receive a special prize; all who register receive a free book.

May 21, 9 am — 5 pm

RPL East (Rockwell) will host a sea-themed storytime at 10 am that includes a craft and snack. Everyone who registers on May 21 will receive a free book and a goody bag.

May 21, 10 am

RPL West (Cleveland) will host a Summer Reading Kick-off Carnival at 10 am with sea-themed lawn games, popcorn, and more. The first 25 registrants receive a special prize; all who register receive a free book.

June 4, 4 — 7 pm

RPL South (China Grove) will host a Summer Reading table at the China Grove Block Party community event. The first 25 registrants receive a special prize; everyone who registers at this event will receive a free book.

Okay, I registered. Now what?

Beginning May 29, log your hours to win reading incentives. Attend programs to learn new things and meet other Summer Reading participants. And, most importantly, have fun!

Questions? Contact us!

980-432-8670

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May 14:

Registration Opens

- Register with READSquared so that you're ready to track reading hours & activities
 - Register for take away kits at bit.ly/SummerKits22 while supplies last

May 29:

Start Tracking Hours!

Begin tracking every reading hour

June 1:

Adult Programs Begin

Take Away Kit Pick Ups Begin

June 6 — July 22:

Weekly Children's Programs

Weekly Teen Programs

July 17:

Registration for All Ages Closes

July 24:

Teens Submit Reading Points by 11:59 pm to Qualify for Prize Raffle

July 29:

Teen Summer Reading Finale & Lock-In Event, 6 — 9:30 pm

July 31:

Children and Adults Submit Reading Hours by 11:59 pm to Qualify for Prizes & Prize Raffles

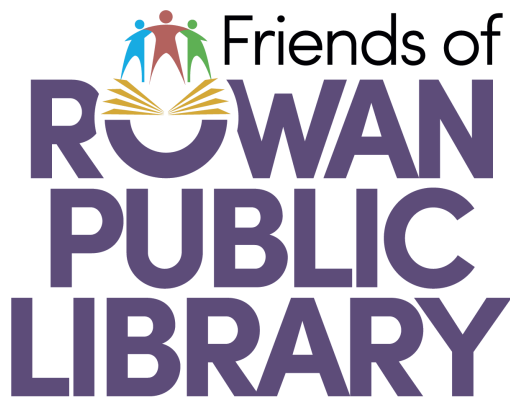
August 3

Prerecorded Virtual Finale

Children's & Adults' Summer Reading Winners will be announced at Noon.

September 1

Deadline for All Ages to Claim Prizes



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Join the Friends of RPL & Celebrate Summer Reading

Dear Friend of Rowan Public Library,

Friends all across this country support local libraries, and, boy, do we have a great one in Rowan County. A membership here — \$10, as small and unassuming as spring's first crocus — affirms our local library's meaningful work.

Here's how it works: The library politely asks the Friends to cover what the county's budget doesn't, such as the \$13,000 required to mount the children's summer reading program at each of the four branches, by far the Friends' most important mission.

When you join the Friends or donate to the organization, where does your money go? Straight to our beloved library. This past year, we've purchased DVDs, fiction, and non-fiction; furnishings and a book drop for the new West Branch, a most excellent repurposing of an old elementary school if ever there was one; and staff education and development. We Friends are grateful to and proud of our library staff for weathering the pandemic, and your membership affirms their good work. When other libraries closed, Rowan Public Library did not.

In this special insert, we gratefully acknowledge every current membership and donation to the 2022 summer reading program. We'd like to thank those of you whose contributions reached us after this insert was printed, as well as everyone who has visited the Friends' Second Saturday Bookshop at West End Plaza, open every second Saturday from 10 am — 4 pm. To learn more about our work for the library and to contribute to it, scan the QR code below or visit us at www.friendsofrpl.org.

Gratefully,

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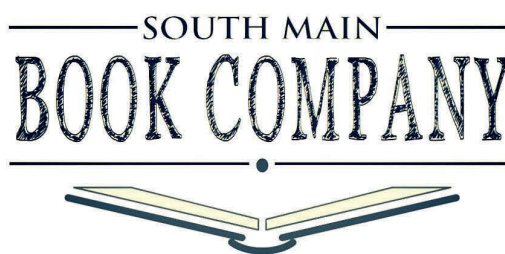
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How can you participate in Summer Reading?

Read books about topics you're interested in!

Complete a take away kit activity!

Attend an RPL program!

Register so you're eligible to win prizes!

Listen to Audiobooks!

Use the Libby app to locate E-books and more!



Beginning May 31, 2022

Enjoy this engaging series of sea-themed, educational videos. New uploads posted each week to Rowan Public Library's YouTube channel & Facebook page.

Checkers Library TV Returns to RPL!

During Summer Reading 2022, RPL is excited to announce that Checkers Library TV will return! The "Deep Sea Readers" series is a fun, educational series designed to complement the 2022 Summer Reading theme, Oceans of Possibilities. Join the Checkers TV crew as they explore a variety of topics about sea life and more!

Checkers Library TV offers videos designed to be educational, entertaining, and engaging for young library users. Each episode runs an average of 20 to 30 minutes in length and will feature on the library's social media channels.

This summer, new episodes of "Deep Sea Readers" will be shared every Tuesday at Noon for eight weeks.

The first episode will be released on May 31. Visit RPL's official YouTube channel (Rowan Public Library) or Facebook (@rowanpubliclibrary) for the latest episodes. For more information about "Deep Sea Readers" or Checkers Library TV, email Laura at Laura.Mowry@rowancountync.gov

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Do Things & Win Prizes Using READSquared!

Do Things

With READSquared, RPL's Summer Reading participants can easily track their reading and activities online. Compatible with all mobile devices, READSquared can be accessed via the QR Code to the right, the free mobile app, or by visiting **rowanpubliclibrary.readsquared.com**. By using the online readers advisory and reading program tool, participants will be able to quickly access their summer reading progress and track their goals. For Summer Reading participants who prefer print logs, those are included in this special insert and are also available at all four RPL branches. Additionally, adult participants have the option of calling 704-216-8248 to report their hours.



READSquared QR code

Summer Reading participants who track their reading and activities are categorized by age: Babies & Toddlers, Pre-school, School Age (rising K— 5th grade), Teens (ages 11 — 17, rising 6th — 12th grade), Adults (ages 18 and up). Registration for all ages officially begins May 14 and remains open until July 17. All participants receive a free book (or a Second Saturday Bookshop coupon for a free book) at registration.

There are multiple ways participants can register for Summer Reading: They can access READSquared on an e-device and register themselves; they can visit one of RPL's Summer Reading Kick Off events and register in person; or they can visit the reference or children's desk at their nearest RPL branch during regular library hours.

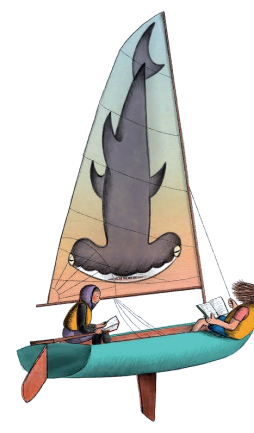
& Win Prizes

All Ages receive a free book (or a Second Saturday Bookshop free book coupon) when they register for Summer Reading.

Children ages 10 and under earn prizes after logging 5, 10, 15, and 20 reading hours. There are prizes for babies & toddlers, preschoolers, and school age children (rising K — 5th grade). Prizes can be picked up at any branch. Children who read 20 hours receive a special reader's certificate, a coupon for South Main Book Company, and one entry in the Super Reader Raffle. For every additional 20 hours read, children receive another special reader's certificate and an additional Super Reading Prize Raffle entry. Children may log hours from May 29 until 11:59 pm on Sunday, July 31.

What's the Super Reader Prize Raffle? Each branch offers a prize for its Super Readers ages 0-5 and 6-10. There are a total of 8 Super Reader Raffle prizes awarded system-wide. Children who have earned Super Reader Raffle entries are entered. Raffles will be held August 1, and Super Reading Raffle Prize winners will be announced at the pre-recorded Virtual Children's & Adults Summer Reading Finale, which will be released at Noon on August 3.

What's the Big Show Reader Review Raffle? Another way that children ages 5-10 (rising K—5th grade) can win prizes is by completing a Reader Review of a book they've read prior to the start of each Big Show Performance. Arrive early to complete and submit. Submitted Reader Reviews also serve as raffle tickets, and at the end of each Big Show, staff will hold a raffle for a limited number of prizes.

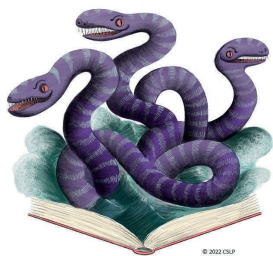


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For more details about Children's Summer Reading, contact Wendy at **Wendy.Campbell@rowancountync.gov** or 704-216-8258.

Teens (ages 11 to 17, rising 6th — 12th grade) are eligible for raffle tickets for time spent reading books, magazines, articles, graphic novels, and/or listening to audiobooks! While reading hours can be recorded until July 31, raffle prize hours must be entered by Sunday, July 24, to count. Teen raffle prizes include a Kindle 10 with accessories, South Main Book Company gift cards, ocean wave projector, and more. Raffle prize winners will be announced at the Teen Summer Reading Finale & National Teen Lock-In event on July 29. Attendance at the Lock-In is not required to claim your prize. To learn more about Teens' Summer Reading, contact Amanda at **Amanda.Brill@rowancountync.gov** or 704-216-8268.

Adults (ages 18 and up, including 2022 high school graduates) win prizes based off their reading hours. The top 5 adult readers with the highest number of logged hours win Amazon Gift Cards: first place is a \$75 Amazon Gift Card; second place prize is \$50; and third, fourth and fifth places are \$25 each. Sixth — tenth place readers each receive a goody bag that includes an Oceans of Possibilities-themed reading light. Winners of the Adult Prize Raffles will be announced at the prerecorded Virtual Children's & Adults Summer Reading Finale, which will be released at Noon on August 3. For more details about Adults' Summer Reading, contact Abby at **Abigail.Hardison@rowancountync.gov** or 704-216-8248.



Take Away Kits Return!

Registration for Take Away Kits opens May 14. Pick ups begin June 1.
Available while supplies last.

Register for individual kits or family kit bundles at bit.ly/SummerKits22



All Ages Take Away Kit: Treasure Map Kit

Explore an Ocean of Possibilities this summer while you hone your mapping abilities and practice your photography skills to capture your favorite treasure sites. This take-home kit is for children of all ages, families, and individuals, too. Register for your Treasure Map Kit at bit.ly/SummerKits22. Registration is required; limit one kit per adult while supplies last.

The kit includes instructions for creating a treasure map, making a primitive compass, and sharing photographs of your treasures so that they can be included in an online library photo album. To help you plot your summer adventures, information about Treasure Trails of North Carolina and Historic Sites of Rowan County are included. Other kit contents include a mini compass and additional treasure map pages.

The first 25 families to visit RPL's Summer Reading registration table on the front lawn from 1 to 4 pm on May 21, during the Cheerwine Festival, and register with READsquared or verify their registration will receive a Treasure Map Kit at that time, no kit registration required. One RPL special registration kit per person/family.

Explore more on this topic:

The Last Empty Places : A Past and Present Journey Through the Blank Spots on the American Map by Peter Stark

Be Expert with Map & Compass : The Complete Orienteering Handbook by Björn Kjellström

Map Smart: Community Maps by Nicolas Brasch

How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World by Marjorie Priceman



Register for
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Adult Take Away Kit: Show and Shell Craft Kit

Summer trips to the beach give us wonderful memories and, often, handfuls of carefully collected sea shells, sand dollars, or, for the very lucky, a piece of smoothed sea glass. Adults (Ages 18 and up) are invited to register for a Show and Shell Craft Kit at bit.ly/SummerKits22. Registration is required; limit one kit per adult while supplies last.

Kits include glue, a cardboard picture frame, two types of magnets and a variety of colorful sea shells that may include clam, abalone, and limpet. Using your own beachcombing treasures and/or the included shells, create artistic and useful refrigerator magnets or a special picture frame.

The first 25 adults to visit RPL's Summer Reading registration table on the front lawn from 1 to 4 pm on May 21, during the Cheerwine Festival, and register with READsquared or verify their registration will receive a Show and Shell Craft Kit at that time, no kit registration required. One RPL special registration kit per person/family.

Explore more on this topic:

Coastal Crafts: Decorative Seaside Projects to Inspire Your Inner Beachcomber by Cynthia Shaffer

The Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Seashells by Harald Alfred Rehder

Living Beaches of Georgia and the Carolinas: a Beachcomber's Guide by Blair E. Witherington

The Beach: the History of Paradise on Earth by Lena Lencek

The Beach Book: Science of the Shore by C. H. Hobbs

Teen Take Away Kit: Make a Plarn Planter

Plastic bags are a constant problem in most households; they're either saved and forgotten or thrown away to spend lifetimes degrading fully in landfills or polluting Earth's oceans. Teens ages 11-17 have the chance to improve their environmental literacy skills and put those plastic bags to better use by recycling them into reusable bags, plant holders, or other items! Each kit contains a ball of "plarn" (plastic bag yarn), a crochet hook, and an extra bag for teens to practice cutting up and connecting the pieces together.

All ages are invited to view the instructional video that will be posted on RPL's YouTube channel at Noon on June 6, learn a new skill and then do their part in keeping single use plastics out of our oceans. Kit registration is required at bit.ly/SummerKits22. Limit one kit per teen while supplies last.

Explore more on this topic:

Taking on the Plastic Crisis by Hannah Testa

What is the Impact of Ocean Pollution? by Craig Blohm

Recycling Works! by James Shoals

Life Without Plastic by Chantal Plamondon

Plastic Planet (DVD)



Summer Reading Programs for Children

(ages 10 and under)

“Books, Babies & Toddlers” (Infants to 36 months)

June 6 — 30

Mondays 10 am
RPL West (Cleveland)

Tuesdays 10:30 am
RPL Headquarters (Salisbury)

Wednesdays 10 am
RPL South (China Grove)

Thursdays 10 am
RPL East (Rockwell)

This interactive, 30-minute program is designed for children from birth to 36 months old and their caretakers. This storytime features lap-bouncing nursery rhymes, songs, fingerplays, and stories. “Books, Babies & Toddlers” will be held outside as weather permits.

“Summer Storytimes” (Preschool)

June 6 — July 21

Mondays 11 am
RPL West (Cleveland)

Tuesdays 9:30 am and 11 am
RPL Headquarters (Salisbury)

Wednesdays 11 am
RPL South (China Grove)

Thursdays 11 am
RPL East (Rockwell)

This interactive, 30 to 45 minute program is designed for pre-school children as young as 36 months and their caretakers. “Summer Storytimes” will be held outside as weather permits.

Note: Due to the July 4 holiday, RPL West will hold that week’s “Summer Storytime” on Wednesday, July 6, at 2 pm.

Spyglass Scavenger Hunt

June 1 — July 30

RPL Headquarters (Salisbury)
RPL East (Rockwell)
RPL South (China Grove)
RPL West (Cleveland)

Children are invited to visit the Children’s Room of any RPL branch, craft a spyglass, and then hunt for hidden sea creatures.



Holiday Closure:

All RPL branches will be closed Monday, July 4, and no programs will be held. Regular hours and programming resume Tuesday, July 5.



Coral Reefs for Little Ones

10—11 am, Saturday, July 23
RPL East

Preschool children are invited to explore the underwater world of coral reefs. Children will create a hands-on coral reef with dough, beads, pipe cleaners, and other manipulatives. To learn more, call 704-216-7838.

Quick Facts about Children’s Summer Reading:

- A responsible caretaker (age 16+) must accompany children 8 and under.
- Registration remains open until July 17.
- To inquire about Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations, please call 704-216-8240.
- Mask wearing is encouraged but not required.
- Questions about age brackets for Babies, Toddlers, Preschool, School-Age, or Teens? Contact Youth Services Supervisor Wendy Campbell at Wendy.Campbell@rowancountync.gov or 704-216-8258.

Children's Big Show Series 2022

“Big Show” performances are designed for school age children (rising K — 5th grade). Each week, all RPL branches host two Big Shows, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, that feature educational entertainment.

Programs last 45 — 60 minutes.

June 6 — July 21

Mondays: RPL Headquarters (Salisbury)

Tuesdays: RPL South (China Grove)

Wednesdays: RPL East (Rockwell)

Thursdays: RPL West (Cleveland)



June 6 — 9, Down to Earth Aerials

10:30 am and 2 pm

Enjoy this aerial performance and learn about the history of aerial silks in the circus and benefits of acrobatic movement to mind and body.

June 13 — 16, An Ocean of Fun: Tales and Song featuring (Stone) Fish Soup

10:30 am and 2 pm

Local performers Robert Jones, Mary Ann McCubbin, and Chelsea Childers bring fairy tales to life with stories and songs in an amusing and family-friendly show.

June 20 — 23, Carolina Raptors

11 am and 1 pm

This show, by the Carolina Raptor Center, features three live raptors, including a hawk and an owl, and inspires children to learn more about natural history, the physics of flight, ecology, mythology, and more. This is an indoor-only performance.

June 27 — 30, Set Sail: Magic and Books with Steve Somers

10:30 am and 2 pm

Amazing Teacher Steve Somers returns with magic tricks, drama, puppets, and surprises in this high seas adventure.

July 5 — 9*, Go on an Expedition with Rowan Wild

10:30 am and 2 pm

Learn about natural history, species adaptations, and local wildlife and meet Rowan County's animal ambassadors.

*Due to the July 4 holiday closure, RPL Headquarters' performances will be held Saturday, July 9.

July 11 — 14, Follow a Raindrop's Path

10:30 am and 2 pm

Travel along with a raindrop from the NC mountains to the sea, explore watery habitats, and learn about some amazing aquatic animals with the Rowan Soil and Conservation District.

July 18 — 21, Lee Street theatre presents Scenes from *James and the Giant Peach*

10:30 am and 2 pm

Lee Street theatre performs its take on selected scenes from *James and the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl.

Holiday Closure:

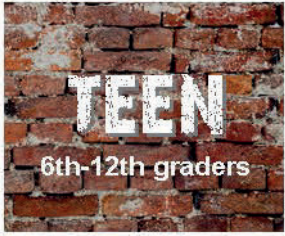
RPL branches will be closed Monday, July 4, and no programs will be held. Regular hours and programs resume Tuesday, July 5.

Quick Facts about The Big Show Series 2022:

- Big Shows will be performed outside as weather permits.
- A responsible caretaker (age 16+) must accompany children 8 and under.
- Showtimes the week of June 20 are at 11 am and 1 pm; all other Big Shows are at 10:30 am and 2 pm.
- To inquire about Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations, please call 704-216-8240.
- Mask wearing is encouraged but not required.

Summer Reading Programs for Teens

(ages 11-17, rising 6th — 12th graders)



Summer reading for Teens is designed for rising 6th through 12th graders and includes reading incentives, a plant take away kit and related how-to video, and eight weeks of programs. Teens (ages 11 to 17) are invited to cash in the hours they spend reading between May 29 and July 24 for raffle tickets to win prizes! This year's Teen raffle prizes include a Kindle 10 with accessories, gift cards to South Main Book Company, an ocean wave projector, and more. When teens convert their reading hours into raffle tickets, they select the raffles they want to enter. Winners for the raffle prizes will be announced at the National Teen Lock-In on July 29, though attendance is not required to claim prizes. While prize eligibility expires July 24, teens have the option to continue submitting reading hours until July 31 at 11:59 pm. For more information about Teen Summer Reading, contact Amanda at Amanda.Brill@rowancountync.gov.

Weekly Teen Programs

3—4:30 pm

Mondays: RPL South (China Grove)

Tuesdays: RPL Headquarters (Salisbury)

Wednesdays: RPL West (Cleveland)

Thursdays: RPL East (Rockwell)

June 6 — 9: Ocean Mosaic Collage

Transform tiny scraps of paper into nautical-themed art.

June 13—16: Kinetic Sand

Recreate the experience of building a sandcastle at the beach by making your own kinetic sand.

June 20—23: Human Battleship

Play the classic game of naval strategy on a large scale.

June 27—30: Sea Monster Trivia & Drawing Contest

Test your sea monster knowledge with a game of trivia and a drawing competition.

July 5—7: Mermaid Sugar Scrub

Make your own soothing and exfoliating sugar scrub. Due to the holiday closure on July 4, RPL South teen attendees are encouraged to attend at another branch or request a take away kit for this week's activity.

July 11—14: Recycled Paper Beads

Learn how to make beautiful keychain beads using paper.

July 18—21: Lost at Sea

Test your seaworthiness and survival skills on the open sea.

Quick Facts about Teen Summer Reading:

- Registration remains open until July 17.
- Contact Amanda at 704-216-8268 to request a Lock-In permission slip.
- To inquire about Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations, please call 704-216-8240.
- Mask wearing is encouraged but not required.

Holiday Closure:

RPL branches will be closed Monday, July 4, and no programs will be held. Regular hours and programs resume Tuesday, July 5.

Tabletop Roleplaying Game:

The Missing, Misty Mermaid

RPL Headquarters (Salisbury)

Tuesday, July 26, 6—8 pm

Play a tabletop roleplaying game that will have you combing a deserted island to rescue a crew of missing seafarers. Can you save the day?



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Teen Summer Reading Finale

National Teen Lock-In

RPL Headquarters (Salisbury)

Friday, July 29, 6—9:30 pm

Teens are invited to celebrate the end of Summer Reading with an author talk, games, door prizes, dinner, and snacks. A permission slip signed by a parent or guardian is required to participate.

Arrive between 6 and 6:30 pm to check in and enjoy refreshments. Activities run from 6:30 — 9 pm. The Teen Summer Reading Finale will be held at 9 pm, and prize winners will be announced. Winners need not be present at the Lock-In to win. The Lock-In ends at 9:30 pm; teens must be picked up by 10 pm.

To win prizes, teens purchase raffle tickets with points earned from logging reading hours. To earn raffle tickets, reading hours must be entered by 11:59 pm on Sunday, July 24. Teens can then enter the raffles of tiered prizes of their choice. Winners will be announced at the Lock-In closing ceremony.

Summer Reading Programs for Adults (ages 18 and up)

Summer Reading for Adults is designed for ages 18 and up (including 2022 high school graduates) and includes reading incentives, a take away kit and related how-to video, a short story contest, and a variety of programs. Adult reading incentives are awarded according to the total number of hours read. The top 5 adult readers with the highest number of logged hours win Amazon Gift Cards: first place is a \$75 Amazon Gift Card; second place prize is \$50; and third, fourth and fifth places are \$25 each. Sixth — tenth place readers each receive a goody bag that includes an Oceans of Possibilities-themed reading light. Adults track their hours from May 29 through July 31 via READsquared, paper logs, or by calling 704-216-8248. For more information about Adult Summer Reading, contact Abby at Abigail.Hardison@rowancountync.gov.

Wednesday Writers Club for Adults

June 1 & July 6, 4—6 pm at RPL Headquarters

Do you love writing? Are you looking for a community of local writers? Connect with other writers, find resources to improve your craft, and get tips on publication. For more information, including virtual attendance details, email Abigail.Hardison@rowancountync.gov.

Sustainable Snacking

Monday, June 13, 6 pm at RPL South

Monday, July 18, 11:30 am at RPL Headquarters

Learn about ocean sustainability efforts and tools, as well as the healthy benefits of seafood, at these workshops. NC Cooperative Extension Agent Toi Degree will demonstrate preparing healthy options and discuss their benefits. Register at bit.ly/RPLSnacking. Email Paulette.Stiles@rowancountync.gov for more information.



North Carolina Author Series: Virtual Q&A

Wednesday, June 15 & July 20, 4—5:30 pm

RPL Headquarters, East, South, West

This summer, talk with NC Authors via live, virtual author events!

On June 15, Zoom with bestselling NC fiction authors Ann B. Ross and Donna Everhart and learn their secrets to writing a great story.

On July 20, Zoom with NC science fiction author Jay Posey and award-winning memoirist Jeremy Jones and get tips on storytelling.

Registration is required for these author talks, which will be streamed live onsite at each RPL branch. Light refreshments provided. Register at bit.ly/NCAuthors. Questions? Call Abby at 704-216-8248.

RPL Podcast: Come Gather Round Good People, Episode 3

Available on June 27, 9 am

NC folk songs and the stories behind them are showcased in RPL's podcast series, available for free on Soundcloud. Learn about melodies and lyrics of the past and how they fit into the story of Rowan County, the Piedmont Region, and the Tarheel state. Each episode includes a musical sample of the featured song. Visit the RPL Soundcloud channel at bit.ly/RPLSoundCloud. Questions? Email David.Lamanno@rowancountync.gov.

Beach Book Club

Monday, June 27, 6 pm at RPL South

Learn all about this summer's hottest beach reads for adults. Participants are encouraged to share their favorite summertime titles and vacation reads in this low pressure, high humidity book club. Mocktails included. Questions? Call Paul or Brooke at 704-216-7727.

Pinterest Club

June 28, 6 pm at RPL East

June's Pinterest-inspired project is an acrylic tropical ocean scene. Registration is required as space is limited; call Sydney at 704-216-7841.

July 12, 6 pm at RPL West

July's Pinterest-inspired project is creating shell art using Sharpie markers. Registration is required as space is limited; call Lyndsey at 704-216-8290.

Book Bites Book Club

June 28 & July 26, 6 pm at RPL Headquarters

June's book is Nicholas Sparks' *Message in a Bottle* and July's is Yann Martel's *Life of Pi*. The club meets in person at RPL Headquarters in Salisbury and live via Zoom; participants may access via video/audio. Questions? Email Paulette.Stiles@rowancountync.gov.

Photographic Possibilities: A Pinhole Camera Workshop

Saturday, July 9, 9 am, Noon, 3 pm at RPL Headquarters

Using plastic "toy" cameras, participants will make 2x2-inch photographic prints using positive photo paper. All three workshops will be held outdoors. The program facilitator will develop the paper in a mobile darkroom onsite. Registration is required for each session as space is limited. Register for your workshop of choice at bit.ly/PinholeCams. Email David.Lamanno@rowancountync.gov for more information.

Genealogy Workshop: Using Underutilized Resources

Saturday, July 23, 10 am at RPL Headquarters

Learn about some of the lesser-used genealogical research tools in this program co-hosted by the Genealogical Society of Rowan County and RPL's Edith M. Clark History Room. Register for this workshop at bit.ly/Genealogy22. Questions? Contact Gretchen at 704-216-8232 or Gretchen.Witt@rowancountync.gov.

Tales of Possibility Short Story Contest, June 1 — July 24

Tell us a tale as big as a whale! Writers ages 18 and up are invited to submit a short story that shows the magic of possibility. Eligible entries must be original works of prose in English that do not exceed 5,000 words. Limit of one submission per author.

Submissions must be in PDF format and emailed to info@rowancountync.gov by Sunday, July 24, at 11:59 pm and must include a cover page with the author's name, and current contact information. Do not include the author's name on the actual story.

Submissions that do not follow the guidelines are automatically disqualified. The winner will be notified via their provided contact information and announced on August 2 at the pre-recorded Virtual Children's & Adults' Summer Reading Finale. The winning entry will receive an award certificate and a gift basket. Questions? Email Abigail.Hardison@rowancountync.gov.



Quick Facts about Adult Summer Reading:

- Registration remains open until July 17.
- To inquire about Americans with Disabilities Act accommodations, please call 704-216-8240.
- Mask wearing is encouraged but not required.

RPL offers Schooling Options Program

This July, Rowan Public Library will offer “Get Schooled: Learning All About Alternative Education Options in Rowan County.” The program will be an opportunity for local parents and caregivers to learn more about the different schooling options available.

“The pandemic has changed so much of our daily lives and schools are no different. Even with public schools going back to normal in-person instruction, some parents and caregivers may be hesitant and wonder if the traditional setting is the best option for their children. My hope is that “Get Schooled” will be a chance for these parents and caregivers to ask representative questions about virtual school, homeschools, and Rowan County Early College so that they can compare their options and find the best fit for their families,” said Young Adult Librarian Amanda Brill.

This event will be held at RPL Headquarters' Stanback Auditorium on July 16, time TBA. For full details, contact Amanda at Amanda.Brill@rowancountync.gov or 704-216-8268.

Resources for Further Study:

The Homeschooling Option: How To Decide When It's Right For Your Family by Lisa Rivero

Fourteen Talks by Age Fourteen: The Essential Conversations You Need To Have With Your Kids Before They Start High School by Michelle Icard

The New American High School by TheodoreSizer

Rowan County Homeschool Association: www.rchsa.com

Summit K-8 Virtual Academy: www.rssed.org/summit-k-8

Rowan County Early College: www.rssed.org/rcec

North Carolinians for Home Education: www.nche.com/



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Summer Reading Promotes Early Literacy, Kindergarten Readiness

For a young child, literacy is a full body experience, exploring through sight, sound, smell, touch and taste. The Reading Log for Babies, Toddlers & Preschoolers provided below shares a variety of activities that offer fun ways to explore all the early literacy skills your child needs to become a successful reader and learner. Skills include recognizing shapes and patterns; using repetition, rhyme, and storytelling; building vocabulary; and being aware of the shapes, patterns, letters, and words in the world around us. Caretakers are encouraged to complete the log and submit it to their nearest RPL branch to earn reading prizes. Additional logs for different age brackets are available on-site as well.

For more early literacy information, mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 27, from 6 to 7 pm, when RPL will host a Kindergarten Readiness Program in RPL Headquarters' Stanback Auditorium. Light refreshments will be served, and childcare will be provided. For more information, contact Kimber at Kimber.Huffman@rowancountync.gov

Reading Activity Log for Babies, Toddlers & Preschoolers

1 animal = 1 reading hour. Submit this log by July 31 to win prizes!

Name: _____ Age: _____



Listen to music and clap along



Practice identifying fingers, toes



Find shapes at the store



Read nursery rhymes with actions



Cook a new recipe together



Attend a library program



Read farm books & make the animal noises



Make music with household items



Sing action songs



Tell a story with motions



Visit the library



Read outside



Read a counting book



Read for 10 minutes with a friend



Paint together



Read non-fiction books



Draw in the sand or dirt



Explore the outdoors by touch



Play I SPY with colors



Read with a flashlight



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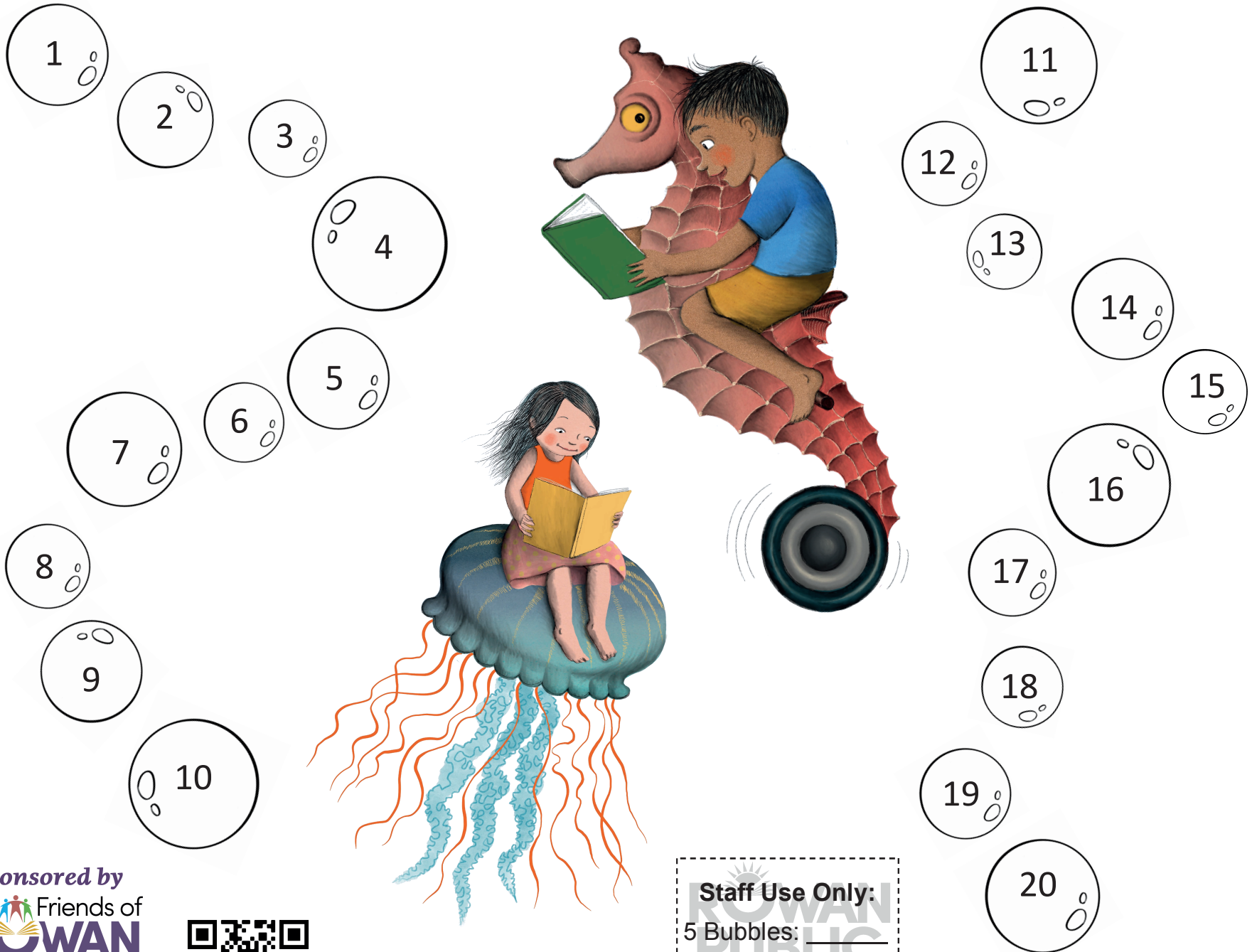
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Reading Log for Ages 5 – 10 (rising K – 5th grade)

1 bubble = 1 reading hour. Submit this log by July 31 to win prizes!

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name of School for rising K — 5th graders: _____



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Reading Log for Teens & Adults

Name: _____ **Age:** _____

Name of School for 6th — 12th graders:

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Visit READsquared using this QR code to track reading hours online.

Teens (ages 11-17), submit reading hours by July 24 to enter the Teen Prize Raffle.

Adults (ages 18 and up), submit reading hours by July 31 to qualify for prizes.

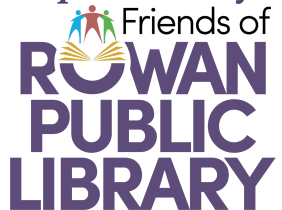
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Questions about tracking Teen reading hours? Call Amanda at 704-216-8268.

Questions about tracking Adult reading hours? Call Abby at 704-216-8248.

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For much of its history, Rowan Public Library has received not only tax dollars, but private support from individuals, businesses, and Friends of the Library. This combination of public funds and private gifts has enabled the public library to build and maintain excellent collections, services, and facilities for the use of all Rowan County citizens.

For the long-term advancement of the library, the Rowan Public Library Foundation was established. The Foundation, which operates with its own board, is set up to receive substantial donations of behalf of the library and manage these donations wisely. The Foundation is also a catalyst for attracting private funding and endowments that will enable Rowan County to continue to have an outstanding public library system.

The Rowan Public Library Foundation is currently comprised of 190 named endowments, ranging from \$1,000 to \$200,000. These endowments provide support for sustaining excellent public library services for all citizens of Rowan County.

The Foundation is a tax-exempt public 501 (c)(3) foundation and all contributions are fully tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. For more information or to make a donation, please call 704-216-8231.

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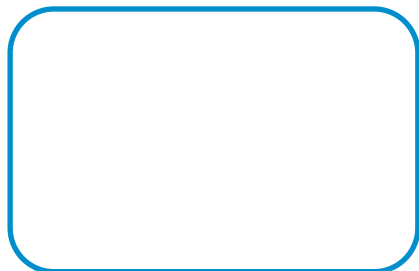
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This summer, visit all four RPL branches and be entered to win a pizza party!

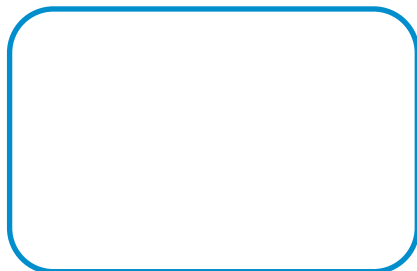
Between May 31 and July 30, visit all four RPL branches and learn what makes each unique! Stop by the circulation desk before you leave so that branch staff can stamp your raffle entry (below). When you have all four stamps, fill out the personal information below and submit to the circulation desk. Completed entries must be submitted by Saturday, July 30, at 5 pm. The winner will be announced during the pre-recorded Virtual Children's & Adults' Summer Reading Finale on Wednesday, Aug. 3, at Noon. Use the entry form below or pick up a copy at the circulation desk of your nearest branch. One stamp given per person per visit. All ages eligible. Come see us!

Name: _____ Age: _____ RPL Card #: _____

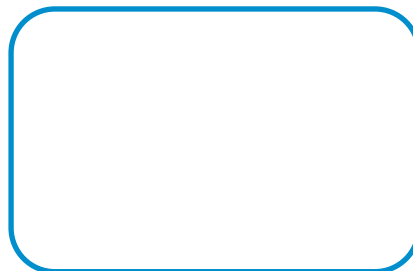
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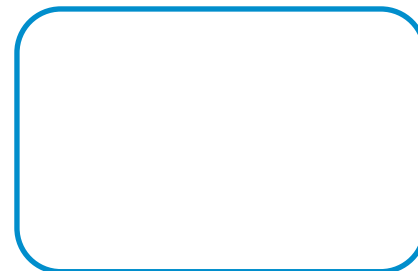
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